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For. **WHEEL RIM, WHEEL, AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THEM**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: